

**MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2005
5:30 PM – 8:00 PM**

**TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) /
LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP)
TELEVISED INTERACTIVE MEETING**

**Co-Hosted by:
Citizens' Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC)
Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)
Transportation Aesthetics Review Committee (TARC)
Freight Transportation Advisory Committee (FTAC)**

**STEPHEN P. CLARK CENTER
111 NW FIRST STREET
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33128
COUNTY COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

*****COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC WILL BE ADDRESSED DURING
THE ENTIRE MEETING*****

- I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**
- II. TIP AND LRTP OVERVIEWS**
- III. MAJOR TIP PROJECTS PRESENTATIONS**
 - A. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**
 - B. FLORIDA'S TURNPIKE**
 - C. MIAMI-DADE EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY**
 - D. MIAMI-DADE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**
 - E. MIAMI-DADE AVIATION DEPARTMENT**
 - F. MIAMI-DADE SEAPORT**
 - G. MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT**
 - H. SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**
 - I. NON-MOTORIZED**
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SUMMARY OF MINUTES

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COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE:

Ted Silver, BPAC Chair
Amado Leon, BPAC
Brett Bibeau, BPAC
Susan Marie Karall, BPAC
Louis Foster, BPAC
Winsome Bowen, TARC Chair
Del Bryan, FTAC
Mike Hatcher, CTAC Chair
Norman Wartman, CTAC
Naomi Wright, CTAC
Andrew Burgess, CTAC
Wendy Carr, CTAC
Kenneth Carsto, CTAC
Joseph Corradino, CTAC

Willie Duckworth, CTAC
Daniel Fils-Aime, CTAC
William Gardner, Jr. , CTAC
Hudson Gaulman, Jr., CTAC
Mac Glasgow, CTAC
Ramon Irigoyen, CTAC
Marlon Kelly, Sr. , CTAC
Mario Martinez-Malo, CTAC
Martin Nash, CTAC
Ramon Ramos, CTAC
Lee Swerdlin, CTAC
Janak Thakkar, CTAC
Jeffrey Wander, CTAC
John West brook, CTAC

OTHERS PRESENT:

Elizabeth Rockwell, CTAC Secretariat
Paul Chance, MPO
Carlos Roa, MPO
David Henderson, MPO
Irma San Roman, MPO
Susan Schreiber, MPO
Anthony Fouche, MPO/Intern
Seraphin Bernard, MDT
Erigene Belony, MDT
Roosevelt Bradley, MDT
Clinton Forbes, MDT
Maria C. Batista, MDT
Ruby Adams, MDT
George Navarrete, MDT
Harry Rackard, MDT
Bernard Seraphin, MDT

Dick Haffele, POM
Richard Lombroa, POM
Lisa Colmenaves, DTC GEC for MDX
Alfred Lurigados, MDX Juan Toledo, MDX
Margaret Pulles, MDX
Jonathan Robergan, SFRTA
John Metsopoulos, SFRTA
Gary Donn, FDOT
Karen McGuire, FDOT
Bill Austin, Turnpike Planning
Ramon Alvarez, DPA
Jose A. Ramos, MDAD
Oscar Braynon, Commissioner-Carey-Shuler
Lourdes Lorie, Miami-Dade BCC
Patrice Rosemond, OCITT
Alfredo Zayas, Citizen

Lynn Harris, MDT
Javier Heredia, PWD
Leandro Ona, PWD
Jeff Cohen, PWD
Delfin Molins, PWD
Diane Camacho, POM

Eric Tullberg, Citizen
Alvin Thomas, Citizen
Noel Cleland, Citizen
Tom Burton, Citizen
Deborah Zayas, Citizen

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Ted Silver, BPAC, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Mr. Silver had members introduce themselves and then gave a brief overview of the purpose of the interactive transportation meeting.

II. TIP AND LRTP OVERVIEWS

Carlos Roa, MPO Project Manager, explained the TIP/LRTP and the effort to get citizens involved with the transportation planning process. The MPO invited their transportation partners to highlight their main projects in the plans. Roman Alvarez, from DPA, conducted a 10-minute presentation that covered the steps on how citizens can view the TIP on the County's web portal.

Questions followed as:

- Are the costs of the projects provided on the Website?
- Does the map show all of the projects for the 20-year program as well?

(The presentation can be heard in its entirety upon request)

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III. INFORMATION

Winsome Bowen, Transportation Aesthetic Review Committee (TARC) Chair, continued to chair the meeting and introduced the following agencies:

A. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Gary Donn, FDOT representative, gave a presentation on the main points of the 5-year Work Program including information on the following:

- Major projects and corridor improvements
- Major intermodal projects
- Strategic intermodal systems project
- Intelligent transportation system program
- Major bridge replacement projects
- Corridor improvements projects
- Public Transportation
- Other transportation programs

Questions and comments were as follows:

- Add curb cuts to all existing projects and make sure that sidewalks are wide enough to accommodate wheel chairs.

- How long before we start seeing interchange improvements along SR 826 primarily 57 and 67 Avenue going Westbound?
- Why are trucks restricted to the right lane primarily on Flagler Street?
- We need more East-West highways throughout the County.
- Park and Ride lots are needed along the major highways.
- Homestead needs a truck bypass in there downtown area.
- Widen SW 312 Street from US-1 to SW 177 Avenue to six lanes, or at a minimum, the existing four lanes need to be reconstructed and improved.
- NE 10 Avenue on Miami Gardens Drive is going from four lanes to six what are the safety precautions that are being done for the schools that are in the area.
- How many of those projects include safety for bicycle lanes?
- Can you make 79 Street a two-way again and close off 82nd street?

B. FLORIDA'S TURNPIKE

Bill Austin, Turnpike representative, conducted a presentation that covered the main points:

- Tentative Work Program
- Major efforts on the way
- 425 million dollars of total funding
- HEFT widening projects
- Interchange Projects
- Toll plaza projects
- ITS/Safety projects
- South Florida managed lanes

Questions and comments were as follows:

- Can you provide direct off ramps from the Turnpike to US-1?
- Extend the turnpike going south.
- Why will the managed lanes reduce congestion?
- How do you justify the price of the managed lanes?
- Why are we dedicating millions of dollars to address road issues?
- How productive have the surveys been?
- Hours of the service station on the Turnpike should be posted.

C. MIAMI-DADE EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY

Alfred Lurigados, MDX representative, conducted presentation that covered the following main points:

- The 5 expressways within Dade County
- 857 million dollars for the 5 year plan
- MDX only uses toll monies to fund projects
- MDX will contribute 1.1 billion dollars to SR836
- SR 836 has 3 phases
- There will be access from Kendall Drive SR 874 northbound
- Killian Dr. tolls on SR 874 will be relocation
- 2 miles extension of SR 874 to SW 138 Street
- West extension of the SR 924
- ITS
- Open road tolling

Questions and comments were as follows:

- Can you compare open road tolling to managed lanes?
- Will there be an addition toll plaza on SR 836?

D. MIAMI-DADE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

David Tinder, PWD representative, conducted a presentation that covered the following main points:

- Funding sources
- Secondary gas tax
- Road impact fees
- Road impact fees projects
- Local option gas tax
- People transportation plan
- People transportation plan projects

Questions and comments were as follows:

- Why aren't the streetlights synchronized throughout Dade County?
- How many of these projects include bicycle lanes?
- What is the status of the resurfacing and bike lane improvements on the Rickenbacker Causeway?

E. MIAMI-DADE AVIATION DEPARTMENT

Ramon Ramos, MDAD representative, conducted presentation that covered the following main points:

- Phase one of the Capital Improvements Project
- CIP funding
- Airport expansion
- Mia Mover
- Major projects

Questions and comments were as follows:

- Can we attract airlines like Jet Blue to MIA airport?

F. MIAMI DADE SEAPORT

Diane Camacho, Port of Miami representative, conducted presentation that covered the following main points:

- Ports improvement cost 123 million dollars
- Major accomplishments
- Projects in progress
- Security projects
- Selected future projects
- Future security enhancements

Questions and comments were as follows:

- What is the gateway Gamma Ray System?
- What are the procedures for handling nuclear weapons coming in to the port?
- How much is the port spending on securing the cargo?

G. MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT

Roosevelt Bradley, MDT Director, conducted a presentation that covered the following main points:

- Current bus-way
- Opening of new bus ways
- Bus service improvements
- Metrorail system--Blue line and the Orange line
- Update on the north corridor

Questions and comments were as follows:

- Three (3) years ago, I suggested that newer ones replace the older bus signs on Biscayne 76 Street and Biscayne 75th (Both South and North bound). However, something has yet to be done by the agency in this regard. I would like to know when those old bus signs will be changed.
- As long as we continue building homes, how are you ever going to get the transportation system to move the volume of people when you do not have the roads in place or the capability of catching up? As for Bus Transit, I have done myself a little research and was wondering why do we have large buses running at least 95% of the time with only between two (2) and three (3) riders at a time?
- How carefully does the County oversee the STS operation by the private contractors?
- Provide a bus service on 184 Street; from Krome Avenue to US1.
- MDT needs to extend bus transit to Florida City.
- What are the states on the slim line?
- More benches should be added on Miami Beach.
- How are the buses set up to handle chemical warfare?

H. SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

John Metsopoulos, SFRTA representative, conducted a presentation that covered the following main points:

- Program projects
- Major construction projects
- Double track program

Questions and comments were as follows:

- Are you prepared for an emergency of the likes of 9/11?
- How do you clean the seats on the trains?

I. NON-MOTORIZED

David Henderson, MPO representative, conducted a presentation that covered the following main points:

- Miami Beach Atlantic Trail
- Miami River Greenway
- South Dade Trail/M-Path
- Pedestrian safety
- Bike parking at transit stations

Questions and comments were as follows:

- Are there any studies being done on what areas bicyclists ride the most in?
- What are the schedules for sweeping the bike paths?
- What is the update on water taxis in Dade County?
- Miami-Dade County should be more bicycle and pedestrian friendly
- Dade County should adopt a comprehensive sidewalk policy.

Mike Hatcher, CTAC Chair, gave his closing remarks and asked the members if they had any further business to discuss.

A Resolution sending their condolences to former U.S. Congressman William Lehman's family and thanking him for his dedication and support for fighting for a better transportation system in Miami-Dade County was offered for consideration.

Mac Glasgow moved for the approval of the Resolution and the motion was seconded by Norman Wartman. Upon being put to a vote, the Resolution passed unanimously.

A Resolution recognizing Elizabeth Rockwell for being an outstanding Citizens' Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) Secretariat was offered for consideration

Martin Nash moved for the approval of the Resolution and the motion was seconded by Norman Wartman. Upon being put to a vote, the Resolution passed unanimously.

The Skyway Express was introduced by Martin Nash and was placed on the working list by the CTAC Chair.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

*****MINUTES ARE IN SUMMARY FORM*****
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